

PLANS MORE RELIEF IN NORTH FRANCE

Commission Announces Arrangements Completed With All Interested Governments.

INCREASE IN THE RATIONS TO THE CIVIL POPULATION

Decision Made for 2,200,000 People in Occupied Provinces—Two Other Divisions in Need.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.
LONDON, September 18.—The commission for relief in Belgium announces that arrangements have been completed with all the interested governments for the augmentation during the coming year of the relief to be provided to the 2,200,000 civil population in the occupied provinces of northern France. The steady exhaustion of food reserves and the diminishing vitality of the population has necessitated a considerable increase in the ration hitherto provided, especially for the industrial populations in the Lille and Valenciennes districts. The allied governments have facilitated financial arrangements by which the monthly resources of the commission exclusively for the French population are to be increased from \$3,400,000 a month to \$6,000,000 a month. This sum will be used to provide increased imports from the seas and from Holland.

Germany Requisitions Crops.
The German general staff has undertaken in order to prevent speculation and to secure rigid distribution of the harvest in the north of France, to requisition the entire cereal and potato crops, and to guarantee to the relief commission, for the use of the civil population, a minimum supply of 200 grammes of flour and 400 grammes of potatoes per capita, per diem, from the harvest. Miscellaneous vegetables, poultry, etc., are free from requisition by the Germans and are reserved for the use of the civil population, but no system of control of the distribution of these products is possible.

The arrangements with regard to native wheat and potatoes involve furnishing from these crops about 16,000 tons of wheat and 26,000 tons of potatoes per month, and the commission expects to import about 30,000 tons per month of wheat, bacon, lard, meat, rice, beans, sugar, coffee, etc. The combined native and imported supplies will provide a ration equal to about three-quarters of normal human consumption, but yet sufficient to maintain the population in health.

In Other Political Divisions.

Negotiations are not yet completed as to the food supply and finance for the two other political divisions occupied by the German army which the commission looks after, that is, first, the two Flanders, with a population of 1,700,000 people, which is under the German general staff and with regard to which, like northern France, the commission deals directly with the general staff, and, second, the remaining part of Belgium, which is under Gen. Von Bissing, comprising 5,700,000 people, and where the commission carries on its negotiations with the German authorities through Minister Whitlock.

Increased Importations Required.

In these areas, also, because of the steady depletion of the native food supplies and the increase in the number of the destitute, the importations must be largely increased. With all the resources which the Belgians and the Belgian government can bring to bear, a considerable part of the cost of the support of the destitute population must depend on public charity from abroad. This load has lately been increased by the necessity, on account of failing health conditions, of giving a supplementary ration to all school children, which makes an added drain on the resources of the commission of one million dollars a month.

Commerce Department Changes.

In the office of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce John P. Rose, clerk, at \$1,000, and Edwin C. Tomlin, messenger boy, at \$450, have resigned, and Martha E. Burton has been temporarily appointed as clerk at \$900.

TELLS OF CIVILIZATION WHICH FOLLOWED DELUGE

Epic Discovered Depicting Fall of Man and the Succeeding Reconstruction Events.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 19.—A Sumerian epic that tells the story of the reconstruction of civilization after the deluge has been discovered on one of the famous Nippur tablets in the University of Pennsylvania Museum. Announcement of the discovery and the completion of the translation of the epic has been made by Dr. Stephen H. Langdon, distinguished Sumerian scholar and assistant curator of the museum here.

The epic, according to Dr. Langdon, takes up the history of civilization after paradise, the fall of man and the flood, and is a sequel to the Sumerian epic which he translated a year ago. The fragment which contains the latest story is four and one-half inches long and one inch thick. It contains about 200 lines of inscriptions. It dates from about 2250 B. C., and hence represents a literature older than that of the Babylonians and the Chaldeans. A search for other fragments will be instituted at once among the university's collection.

"The book of ark is mentioned," Dr. Langdon said, "as well as Leham, the god of the deluge. It describes the regeneration of the ancient land of Sumeria at the hands of the god of wisdom, who decreed that it should be the center of civilization and the Sumerians the rulers of the world."

TAKOMA PARK CITIZENS ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Maj. D. S. Fletcher Is Chosen President at Fall Meeting in Branch Public Library.

The annual election of officers of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association took place last night at the fall meeting of the association, held in the Takoma Park branch of the Washington Public Library, 5th and Cedar streets. The result of the election was: President, Maj. D. S. Fletcher; vice-president, H. C. Gore; secretary, C. C. King (re-elected); assistant secretary, William Steuart; treasurer, J. B. Kiefer (re-elected); delegate to the Federation of Citizens' Associations, Dr. D. N. Shoemaker; alternate, C. A. Reed.

On motion of H. C. Gore, the town council of Takoma Park, Md., will be requested to modify the ordinance, recently adopted, forbidding children to coast on the streets and walks within the corporation limits. A hearing on the subject will also be asked.

The committee on schools, composed of H. C. Gore, chairman; Maj. D. S. Fletcher and Dr. D. N. Shoemaker, presented a request to the board of education yesterday afternoon, requesting an eight-room addition to the Takoma School. In the report of the committee last night Chairman Gore stated that facts and figures were presented to the school authorities showing that the school has been more than filled for several years past; that the seating capacity is 354 and the average attendance is now 351.

The largest enrollment was 422 in one year. No additional ground will be necessary, as land adjoining the present building was purchased two years ago. It was urged that building with an assembly hall be incorporated in the estimates for 1915. The association approved the action of the committee.

W. G. Platt, the retiring president, suggested that the town council be requested to make an appropriation for improving and beautifying the new public park in North Takoma, Md. Homer Skeels said that the Horticultural Club of Takoma Park would assist next year, and that he hoped to see a swimming pool and other improvements provided.

Members of the association and residents of the park were urged to participate in the flower show the first week in October in the library building. C. H. Spencer is chairman of this committee.

The District Commissioners will be requested to spread five macadam over several of the thoroughfares now constructed with rough stones.

Mrs. H. C. Gore and Mrs. C. A. Reed were elected members of the association.

Garfield Died 35 Years Ago Today.

Today is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of James A. Garfield, one of the three Presidents of the United States to be assassinated. President Garfield was shot July 2, 1881, by Charles J. Guiteau, while in the old Pennsylvania railway station, 6th and B streets northwest, where he was preparing to take a train.

PAPER MANUFACTURERS SUGGEST CONFERENCE

Would Meet Publishers to Discuss Methods of Distribution—Reject Commission Plan.

Notification was given the federal trade commission by the executive committee of the News Print Manufacturers' Association that it was ready to meet a committee of newspaper publishers to discuss means of regulating the distribution of white paper so that small publishers may suffer no injustice and may be relieved of the prospect of suspending publication, which many of them are said to face because of the paper shortage.

A suggestion by the trade commission that manufacturing machines now engaged on other grades of paper be transferred temporarily to newsprint was rejected by the executive committee as impracticable, and to a further

proposal that factories be operated on Sundays to relieve the shortage the committee replied that efforts to induce labor unions to sanction Sunday operation had failed. The commission will endeavor to secure appointment of a committee of publishers to take up these and other suggestions with the manufacturers.

Reply to Commission.

In reply to the commission's plan for Sunday operation and for the transfer of machines temporarily from other grades to newsprint paper, the executive committee wrote:

"The executive committee, speaking for themselves, and with much certainty for most of the members of the association, have announced that they would be perfectly willing to run their mills to the extent that it was possible to run them with due regard to the upkeep of machines in the mills, but that all efforts that had been put forth heretofore by the newspaper publishers to induce the labor unions to agree to operate the mills with which they have contracts had utterly failed."

Other Paper More Profitable.

"In regard to the suggestion that an effort be made to transfer machines to news-print paper that are now operating on other grades of paper, it was shown that the profit on the other grades is so much greater than is being obtained on news-print paper

that it would be useless to ask the mills to sacrifice those profits to make a grade in which most of them are not particularly interested at this time. Many of these mills have lived on starvation diet for many years, and now, that they have the opportunity to leave a grade so utterly unprofitable and undesirable as the manufacture of

news-print paper, they are taking advantage of the opportunity, hoping never to return to the manufacture of that grade of paper."

Lieut. Col. Edwin W. Owens, sixty-one, retired, of the 4th Virginia Regiment, died at Portsmouth, Va.

Gen. Gorgas at San Juan.
SAN JUAN, P. R., September 18.—Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States Army, and other sanitary experts, who are studying health conditions in South America, have arrived here from Venezuela.

The commission will proceed next to Brazil.
Mrs. M. A. Fenno, sixty-seven, of Phoenix, Va., was fatally hurt and five other passengers slightly injured when an automobile overturned near Lynchburg, Va.

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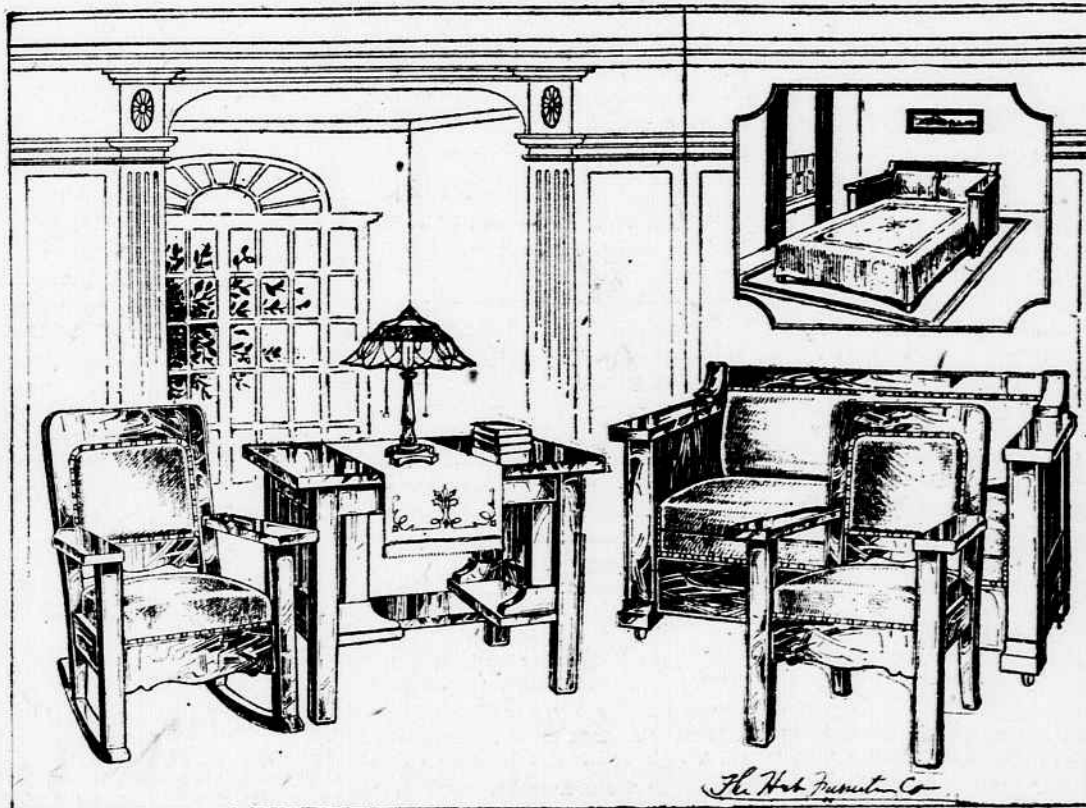
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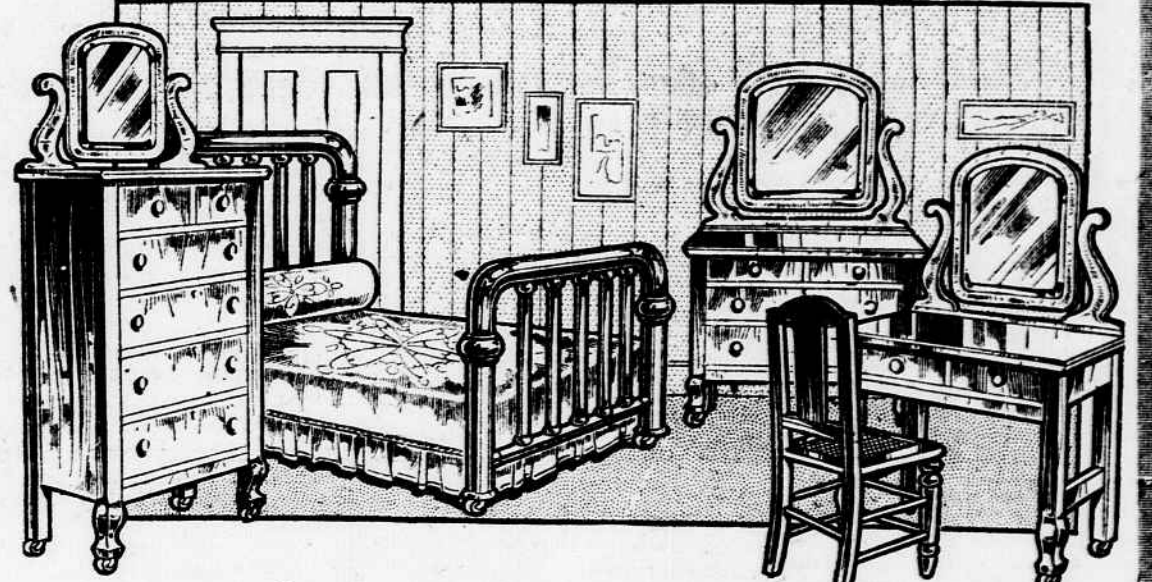
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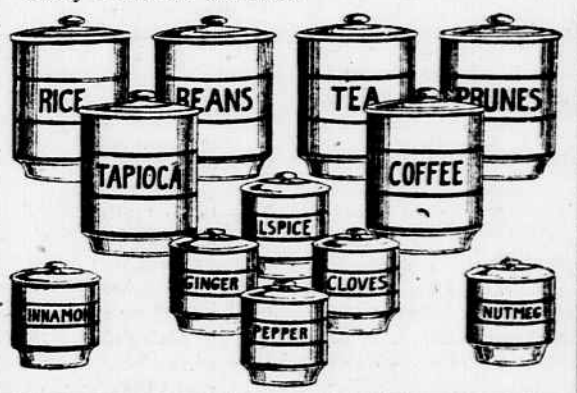
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